

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. (Currently amended) A lamp base having fastening means for a lamp vessel, having a base part that consists of an electrically insulating material and that is equipped with at least two first electric contacts formed mechanically to mate with an electrical plug and thereby supply electric power to ~~that serve the power supply of~~ at least one luminous means, wherein said base part has at least two second electric contacts formed to mate mechanically with an alternative electrical plug and supply electric power to the same at least one luminous means, in each case one of said second electric contacts being connected in an electrically conducting fashion to in each case one of said first electric contacts.
2. (Original) The lamp base as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second electric contact is mechanically connected to said respective first electric contact, and said second electric contacts are arranged transverse to said respective first electric contact.
3. (Original) The lamp base as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second electric contacts and the respective first electric contacts connected to them are designed as unipartite, angular contact lugs.
4. (Original) The lamp base as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base part consists of an electrically insulating plastic.
5. (Original) A lamp having at least one luminous means that is surrounded by at least one lamp vessel, and having a lamp base that is fixed on the at least one lamp vessel and which has a base part that consists of an electrically insulating material and is provided with at least two first electric contacts that are connected in an electrically conducting fashion to said at least one luminous means, wherein said base part has at least two second electric contacts, in each case one of said second electric contacts being connected in an electrically conducting fashion to one of said first electric contacts.

6. (Original) The lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second electric contacts are mechanically connected to the respective first electric contact, and the second electric contacts are arranged transverse to the respective first electric contact.
7. (Original) The lamp as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second electric contacts and the respective first electric contacts connected to them are designed as unipartite, angular contact lugs.
8. (Original) The lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first electric contacts extend in the longitudinal extent of the lamp, and the second electric contacts extend transverse to the longitudinal extent of the lamp.
9. (Original) The lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the base part consists of an electrically insulating plastic.

**CLAIM STATUS:**

Claim 1: (Currently amended)

Claims 2-9: (Currently amended)